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SUBJ: PINOCHET ON NATURAL RIGHTS

1. IN HIS SPEECH AT OPENING SESSION OF INTERAMERICAN BANK GOVERNORS MEETING APRIL 1, JUNTA PRESIDENT GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET INCLUDED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WITH REFERENCE TO NATURAL RIGHTS AND POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

2. "THE CENTRAL OBJECTIVE OF OUR PROGRAM IS TO REESTABLISH CHILE AS A COUNTRY WHICH IS TRULY FREE AND SOVEREIGN, PROVIDING ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A BETTER FUTURE, AN INTEGRAL FULFILLMENT. WE CONCEIVE OF SOCIETY AS A HUMAN CONGLOMERATE WHOSE FUNDAMENTAL AXIS IS RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN BEING IN HIS MOST ESSENTIAL NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL ATTRIBUTES.

3. "THE ABOVE IMPLIES, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE FULL RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN BEING IS EFFECTIVELY GUARANTEED, STARTING FROM THE PREMISE THAT HE HAS NATURAL RIGHTS PRIOR TO AND SUPERIOR TO

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THE NATION, AND IN WHICH THE PROPER ROLE OF THE STATE IS SPECIFIC-

LY THAT OF GUARANTOR OF THE COMMON WELFARE OF THE SOCIETY.

4. "THIS CONCEPTION OF SOCIETY, WHICH HAS AN AUTHENTICALLY LIBERTARIAN CHARACTER, AS HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE GOVERNING JUNTA, INVOLVES NOT ONLY THE PRECEDING BUT ALSO EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH EACH PERSON HAS TOWARD HIS PEERS, A FACT WHICH MAKES NECESSARY IN TURN THE EXISTENCE OF AN AUTHORITY WHICH IS DEPOLITICIZED, INDEPENDENT, STRONG, IMPERSONAL, AND, THEREFORE, JUST."

5. COMMENT. THESE REMARKS BY PINOCHET ARE IN EFFECT SUMMARY OF BASIC PREMISES OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, ISSUED BY JUNTA ON OCCASION COMMEMORATION OF JUNTA'S SIXTH MONTH IN POWER MARCH 11 (SANTIAGO 1353 NOTAL).
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